*Some say the world will end in fire,*

*Some say in ice.*

*From what I've tasted of desire*

*I hold with those who favor fire.*

*But if it had to perish twice,*

*I think I know enough of hate*

*To say that for destruction ice*

*Is also great*

*And would suffice.*

*(Robert Frost)*

Techniques:

* Couplets
* Exact rhymes
* Rhythm

Vocabularies:

* Perish: suffer death, typically in a violent, sudden or untimely way.
* Suffice: be enough or adequate.

Poem explanation:

Robert Frosts considers the question of whether the world will end in fire or in ice, which is similar to another question: whether it would be preferable to freeze to death or burn to death. He determines that either option would achieve its purpose sufficiently well.